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Title: OPTICAL COMPENSATOR AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 1, characterized in that the tilt angle in said O plate retarder varies monotonously in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the film from a minimum value  $\theta_{\min}$  at one surface of the film to a maximum value  $\theta_{\max}$  at the opposite surface of the film.
5. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claim 3, characterized in that  $\theta_{\max}$  is from 10 to 90°.
6. (Amended) Optical compensator according to claims 1, characterized in that the thickness of said O plate is from 0.1 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .